

# Ten Ways to Use YOUCAT



## 1. Confirmation Programs

Add YOUCAT as a resource to prepare candidates and sponsors for Confirmation.

## 2. Religious Education

Add YOUCAT as a curriculum tool to help the students embrace the Faith.

## 3. Teachers and Catechists

Give YOUCAT to all adult catechists to assist in their discussions or teachings. Encourage your high school or middle school principal to provide a classroom copy for every teacher.

## 4. Youth Ministers

Give your youth minister a copy of YOUCAT for use in your parish's youth ministry programs.

## 5. Teen Leaders

Give YOUCAT to teens who hold leadership positions within the youth group.

## 6. Retreat Companion

At youth retreats, provide a copy of YOUCAT to every participant. The cost of YOUCAT could be included in the registration amount.

## 7. Parents

Make copies of YOUCAT available for purchase at parent meetings.

## 8. Graduation Gifts

Encourage principals to consider YOUCAT as a gift for middle and high school graduates.

## 9. RCIA

Encourage YOUCAT as a supplement for adults with children going through the Rite of Christian Initiation. YOUCAT is a great resource for new families entering the Catholic faith.

## 10. Altar Server Appreciation

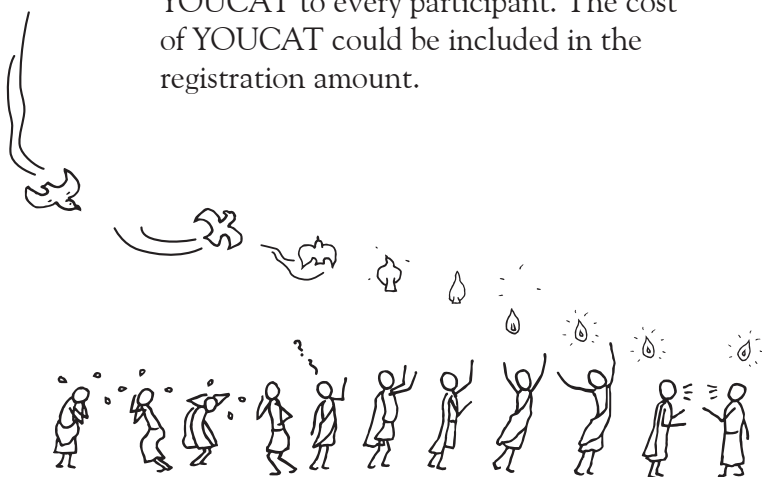
Give YOUCAT to your altar servers. A perfect way to say "thank you" to them for their service all year and a unique way to encourage ongoing participation in the life of the Church.

Please contact your Lighthouse Account Manager for more information or to place an order:

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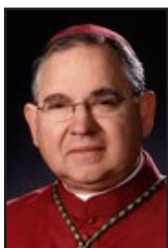
**“I beg you... Study this Catechism with passion and perseverance!”**

*Pope Benedict XVI, from the YOUCAT foreword*

YOUCAT is a 2011 Vatican publication, known as the “Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church”, because it aims to be an aid for youth to better understand the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The book, drafted in the form of a conversation, is intended for use by Catholic youths around the world and is available in 25 languages. It is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1992) and the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (2005).

## Official Endorsements by Church Authorities

- In a rare and significant move, Pope Benedict XVI himself wrote YOUCAT’s foreword. The Holy Father formally approved YOUCAT and endorsed it, stating, “*I beg you... Study this Catechism with passion and perseverance!*”
- On the official Vatican website for World Youth Day 2011, Pope Benedict emphasizes that he is making a “personal gift” of YOUCAT to 700,000 WYD pilgrims: “...*Pope Benedict XVI will be giving a special gift for 2011 World Youth Day pilgrims—a book called YOUCAT.*”  
<http://www.madrid11.com/en/camino/texts-of-the-holy-father/1537-youcat-catecismo>
- Christoph Cardinal Schönborn of Vienna (the primary editor of the Catechism of the Catholic Church) officially supervised YOUCAT’s creation.
- YOUCAT was officially reviewed and fully approved by the following Vatican offices before being published:
  - The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
(responsible for promoting and safeguarding the doctrine on faith and morals throughout the Catholic world)
  - Congregation for the Clergy  
(responsible for providing for the religious formation of the faithful of all ages and states of life)
  - Pontifical Council for the Laity  
(responsible for assisting the Holy Father with the promotion and coordination of the lay apostolate)
- YOUCAT has received the official imprimatur for publication in the United States from Archbishop George H. Niederauer of San Francisco. Additionally, it has received official approval from the Austrian, German, and Swiss bishops conferences to be published in other countries.



**Archbishop Gómez** (Archdiocese of Los Angeles)

“YOUCAT combines **sound catechesis** and faith formation, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, with a youthful, dynamic and graphically appealing presentation. I hope that this book and related resources will become tools to assist you and your pastoral collaborators in promoting the New Evangelization and a deepened catechesis among young people.”

## Endorsements from other Catholic Apostolates

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### **YOUCAT is #1** (National Catholic Register)

YOUCAT, the Church's catechism for young people, is the bestselling Catholic book in the world, reported Catholic News Agency.

"The latest figures show that YOUCAT has sold 1.7 million copies worldwide. It's been a great success in nearly every country where it has been published," said German publisher Bernard Meuser. "For example, it is #1 in Spain, #1 in America, and #1 in Germany, along with the Pope's latest book."

The book's 527 questions and answers, along with quotes, images and illustrations, appeal to youth. YOUCAT's Facebook page has 21,000-plus followers.

"I was astonished that the young people liked the book so much," Meuser said. "We've had so much praise from young people.

"I really think it is a fruit of the Holy Spirit."

**<http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/youcat-is-no.-1/>**

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On the August 4th episode of "Life on the Rock", EWTN promoted YOUCAT by featuring an interview with Fr. Joseph Fessio, S. J. of Ignatius Press. He discussed how important Pope Benedict's role in this catechism was and what part it would play in the upcoming World Youth Day. Also included was a review by young people on YOUCAT as a new unpacking of the deposit of faith.

**Watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4dNxtxCGFs>**

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### **Sample of reviews of YOUCAT on the web**

<http://www.archindy.org/criterion/local/2011/07-29/youcat.html>

<http://www.patheos.com/community/theanchoress/2011/07/22/when-young-faith-is-tested/>

<http://bustedhalo.com/features/youcat-a-compelling-new-way-of-approaching-the-catechism/>

<http://snorningscholar.com/2011/06/confirmation-boot-camp-and-the-youcat/>

<http://www.suite101.com/content/youcat-those-troublesome-questions--part-ii-a381403>